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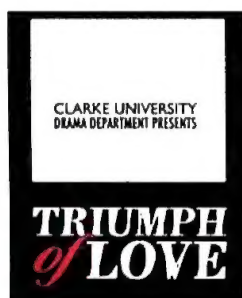
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Clarke professors awarded Fulbright Scholarships

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copy editor

This January, two Clarke professors will travel to different parts of the world for different teaching and learning experiences, thanks to scholarships awarded by the Fulbright International Educational Exchange Program. Every year, the Fulbright Program awards scholarships to about 1200 people around the world, so a small college having two simultaneous recipients is quite an accomplishment.

According to the Fulbright Program's website, the program is designed "to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries." The upcoming travels of Assistant Professor of art history Bryan Zygmunt and Chair and Assistant Professor of history and political science Lynne Niznik promise to be exciting opportunities to build



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Art history professor Bryan Zygmunt connections between Clarke and the world.

Zygmunt will leave at the end of January for Łódź (pronounced "wooge"), Poland, a city of about three-quarters of a million people located right in the heart of Poland, where he will teach two courses at the University of Łódź. The University is home to about



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History department chair Lynne Niznik

48,000 students, both at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Zygmunt visited Poland in 2010, and it was during that visit that he thought he might want to teach there someday. His interest in American art, as well as the Fulbright Program's desire for teachers of American studies, led him to choose to teach in Poland and

made Łódź a perfect fit for him. Zygmunt will teach a course on American art and a course on American film to graduate students. He will stay at an apartment not far from the University until the end of July. Since the university's semester ends on June 29, Zygmunt plans on traveling to cities such as Berlin, Prague, and St. Petersburg when he is done teaching, and he hopes to use his free time during and after the semester to write.

Zygmunt believed being named a Fulbright Scholar so early in his career was a long shot. He applied for the program in summer 2011 and was accepted this past March. He's looking forward to the special challenge of teaching in another country, one where many students are still learning to master the English language.

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Mixed feelings as campus reacts to Obama 2012 victory

erin daly
copy editor

Barack Obama won his second term as president of the United States last Tuesday as America watched the results roll in.

Many were glued to their TVs and news websites for hours as they watched the tallies rise for both Obama and Mitt Romney, but social media proved to be the king of election news and commentary.

According to Fox News, this election was the most-tweeted event in Twitter's brief history.

Clarke sophomore Heather Jenkinson said she kept up with the excitement via Facebook. "Who needs actual news anymore?" she said.

Clarke had been in the spirit of the election for several weeks; the school hosted early voting, and Student Life sponsored a watch party for the final presidential debate.

The Student Activities Center was decorated with red, white and blue streamers on election day, and students gathered there later that night to watch the results.

Student reactions to Obama's



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win were varied. Physical therapy graduate student Morgan Bradford believes that, given the many problems facing our country today, either candidate would have inherited a mess. "We need to give Obama time to carry out his changes," she said.

Freshman Zach Whitebread said he was disappointed with the results.

"I don't want taxes to go up, and I don't want Obamacare to go into effect," he said.

"Unless we can work together, we'll never get anything done," said sophomore Adam O'Dell.

"Our democracy doesn't succeed or fail on November 6, 2012; that all depends on what happens between now and the next elections."

Clarke named "Best Value"

matt lozano
stuff writer

Clarke University has been named to the "U.S. News & World Report" Top 10 schools for best value list. This ranking was assessed by how many students' financial needs are being met by scholarships and grants.

The award for best value comes from comparing the academic quality of the institution with the net cost of attendance.

Over 88 percent of Clarke students receive some sort of financial aid, and this is the second highest percent in the Midwest region.

"I couldn't have afforded Clarke without financial aid," said Bridget Bowman, senior elementary and special education major.

"My experience here was worth the cost. I have doors open to me that I wouldn't have had at a larger school."

In the "Best Regional Colleges" category, Clarke is ranked 17th overall. This ranking focuses mainly on the whole undergraduate experience.

"Our school has a lot of tools to help our students succeed," said Terry Kruse, assistant director of the Counseling and Career Center. "I'm not surprised that we're ranked this way."

Despite the small size of Clarke compared to other universities, ranking on the national level brings attention to our university and helps attract potential students, faculty, and staff members.

"It's a great honor," said Mike Mulloy, senior elementary and special education major. "It shows Clarke's great compassion for its students."

"Clarke students gain so much more than just education. The skills that students learn in and out of the classroom all intertwine to provide students with the liberal arts education," said Mulloy.

These national rankings spotlight the employability of our graduates. "It's self-evident that our students are successful," said Kruse. "Clarke students are employable."

Clarke recognizes Eagles scholarship recipients

sam dugan
opinion editor

The Eagles Eyes on the Future Committee consists of students from Clarke University, Loras College, University of Dubuque, NICC, Wahlert Catholic High School, and Senior High School.

This group of engaged young students has assisted other students to further their education, pursue their dreams, and help those less fortunate, especially the younger generation. The Committee rewards students who are actively involved with scholarships for them to use toward their education.

The most current Clarke scholarship recipients are juniors Andrea Timmerman and Katarvis Torres.

"I got involved by being referred by a Clarke alum, Stephanie Kollasch, who graduated this past May, and even though my hectic schedule did not allow me to participate in every event, I was glad that I was able to volunteer for at least

some of the events," said junior social work and psychology major Katarvis Torres.

"I was actually really surprised I received a scholarship; I did not think I would receive anything from the Eagles, especially when you help to raise the money for it yourself."

Junior psychology major Andrea Timmerman said, "I got involved in the Eagles Eyes on the Future Committee because last year I received an email from Director of Campus Ministry Amy Golm asking if I would be interested in participating in a volunteer group that all three of the colleges in Dubuque are a part of, as well as two of the high schools."

"I've always liked volunteering because I think you can really make a difference in people's lives by volunteering and I thought that this type of committee would be something that I could do to help better the Dubuque community."

Students in the program work at places like Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Salvation Army, the Maria House, the Teresa Shelter, and many other charitable organizations.

"The Committee does so much for the community and has many fundraisers for great causes, such as the National Boys and Girls Clubs and scholarships for students," said Torres.

"I went to and volunteered for as many events as I could, like pumping gas for people and asking for donations, or something as simple as wrapping Christmas gifts for families who are not financially able to provide gifts for each other."

Eagle Eyes on the Future Committee founder Michael Duehr said, "I can tell you that I went to the Salvation Army along with a number of students and I could tell that it touched the students deeply to see both parents and their children needing help."



Junior psychology major Andrea Timmerman with Clarke University president Joanne Burrows and Eagles Eyes on the Future Committee founder Michael Duehr. Andrea received a \$500 scholarship from the Eagles Committee for her commitment to volunteer work in the Dubuque community.

Clarke Fulbright Scholars

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"The idea of teaching somewhere else has always appealed to me, mostly because I think it's going to be a challenge," he says. "And I think that's a great thing." He hopes to gain a deeper appreciation for his home-away-from-home's culture and to build academic and personal connections. "I don't want to come back feeling like I didn't do everything I could to become a part of a different academic community," he says. "I think this experience will make me a better teacher, a better thinker, and a better citizen of the world."

Niznik is in for quite a different experience, as she will be traveling to South Africa for a full year as she tests out a plan she created to implement a first-year studies program at the University of Limpopo—Turfloop Campus, the only rural South African university. She will be living on campus. Her host completed a Fulbright experience at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and worked with Nelson Mandela to end Apartheid. Niznik's admiration of Mandela played a

big part in her decision to teach in South Africa, as did her desire to work with some of the nation's poorest people. "I wanted to go to the most rural, needy section of South Africa to interact with the tribal people who have been marginalized for generations," Niznik says.

The University of Limpopo—Turfloop Campus is home to about 20,000 undergraduates and caters primarily to young people who have grown up in tribal settings so they can learn about opportunities outside of tribal life. Niznik's program will be an introduction to college program established within the university's Centre for Academic Excellence. She will teach at least 200 students critical thinking, time management, and how to read a textbook for comprehension. The funds she will receive from the Fulbright Program will pay for a course packet for each student that includes a textbook, an English dictionary, and a college planner. After two semesters, students will decide if they wish to continue pursuing a college education or return to tribal life.

"None of these kids ever realized they had any options," Niznik says. "This will be an introduction to what you might do with your life, and no matter what you choose, it's perfectly fine."

Niznik says that she's most excited about working with the students, but she is also going to teach workshops to faculty and staff to help them better understand first-year college student needs and effective pedagogy.

She plans on traveling to the countries that border South Africa and plans on visiting various archeological sites around the country.

The promise of seeing these sites, which include cave paintings similar to ones found in Europe but featuring giraffes, is what motivated her to push through the year-and-a-half application process.

Niznik says that she hopes the experience will help her appreciate the tribal culture and that the culture will in turn accept and appreciate her. "If they could just let me be part of their community, that would be the best thing ever."

Don't Forget!

Registration for Spring semester classes starts this week. Make sure you've met with your advisor and that you are registration ready.

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Students spend day getting to know the homeless

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Campus Ministry does mission trips every year. On the October 12 trip to Milwaukee the students took a walking tour called "A Day in the Life of the Homeless." The first day was spent not helping the homeless but instead spending time with them, standing in line with the clients, talking with them and breaking bread alongside them.

These trips are open to all Clarke students, faculty, and staff. They provide an opportunity for students to serve for an extended time, over a long weekend or sometimes even a week or more. The trips are a chance for those attending to "learn about the lives of those least among us," said Radie Roberts, assistant director of Campus Ministry.

On the October trip 10 students and one staff member from Clarke partnered with agencies in Milwaukee.

"The participants were able to get to know people, to challenge stereotypes, to confront fears, and to break down barriers that protect us from the unknown, the different," said Roberts.

While in Milwaukee the students stayed at St. Benedict the Moor, which offers several programs for the community such as meals to the area homeless, and a free clinic.

"It was an amazing, eye-opening experience. One that every person should have," said Brittany Gosse, senior biology major. "Seeing the love and hope in people who have been through so much is a reminder

to be grateful for life's simplest gifts, and to reach out to those in need."

There was also a part of the trip where the students got the opportunity to experience a bit more diversity.

"On Sunday we attended a multilingual Mass at St. Michael's Catholic Church," said Roberts. There were six languages that ranged from Hmong, to Spanish all the way to English.

St Michael's is currently the only church in the Milwaukee Archdiocese which offers Mass in six languages. "The students also spent time working with immigrants who were learning about our U.S. history and government in order to prepare for the citizenship test," explained Radie Roberts.



photo from campus ministry

Clarke students and staff get ready for a long weekend in Milwaukee helping the homeless by first spending time with them.

Black Student Union: a new group on campus

seth wieman
staff writer

There is a new group on campus that has big plans to make a major impact: "BSU" or "Black Student Union." However, the group is not only for African-American students. "Building love amongst cultures for knowledge" is their motto.

The BSU is a powerful group with intentions to give students an opportunity to learn about different cultures and races.

"I wanted to learn about other cultures," says junior business major Caleb Johnson who joined BSU. "I also want to help the community so they too can gain knowledge about other races and cultures."

They are 15 students strong and they have plans to impact the community through their volunteer work. The BSU is in partnership with BSU groups at Loras College and The University of Dubuque.

"Students should get involved because everyone should be aware of different cultures and races," president and senior biology major Kaveria Allen said. "We are working with middle school and high-school students on gaining awareness. We want people to become educated on the subject as well as become role models for these younger students."

BSU has two upcoming

events. The next event is Monday November 19 at 4:30 p.m. and it is a soul food night. There will be free "all you can eat" soul food in the cafeteria. The second event is a throwback dance party in the PAC on Saturday, December 1 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. for AIDS Awareness month.

The BSU meets every Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Gallagher Lounge or the Multicultural Center. Members discuss current topics and controversial issues in the world as well as plan events while working with Loras and University of Dubuque BSU groups. Everyone is welcome.



photo by seth wieman

Students at Clarke's first Black Student Union meeting this fall.

Halloween at Clarke



Student Emily Janecek in Clarke's haunted house.



Bowling coach Chris Uffman as Marty Huggins at a Clarke costume party.



Student Hillary Van Praag dressed as an old man at a costume party.



Left to right: Students Pat Rothert, Graham Mahon, Chase Gregory, David Meyers, Brendan Walters. Front: Paul Cave. They dressed as the Average Joes at a Clarke costume party.

"Triumph of Love": Not your typical fairytale

tia grap
editor

A princess pretending to be a guy, another girl, and another girl who falls in love with a guy, and a girl, and a guy, this story is anything but your typical fairytale. The Clarke University drama department's next production is "Triumph of Love." This musical depicts a complex web of relationships where one character is actually several, and many of the other characters in the show fall in love with the alternate roles.

"The play is very comical," said Traci Johnson, junior musical theater major. Johnson plays Princess Leonide in the production. "The whole thing is joke after joke." The production is almost pure comedic entertainment. "This is what the Clarke audience is looking for," said Johnson. Princess Leonide goes under disguise and throws herself into another kingdom to be with the prince that she's never met, and is forbidden to see.

The show intertwines the common fairytale characters with uncommon approaches. "My character is the typical prince type," said Ben Graham, junior musical theater and business major. "He acts brave, but when it comes down to it, he's a wimp."

"It's a lesser-known musical," said Joe Klinebriel, associate professor of drama

who is directing the show. "It was performed on Broadway with a pretty famous cast which included Betty Buckley, Susan Egan and F. Murray Abraham. But it's a little under the radar." Many of the cast members had never heard of the show before it was announced to be a part of this season's set of performances. "The show is a surprise of wonderful music and great laughter," said Klinebriel. "One that people will be glad they were introduced to."

In this production, there are many new faces as well as many returning actors. Working with the same people in every show may be a challenge for some people, but Clarke performers know how to switch things up. "In each play it's different," said Graham. "You have to be inventive with your character and how you respond. It's always a new interaction between us in each play."

When working with a new group of actors, you have to look at the cast members in a different light other than as your friends. "Some people I've never worked with," Graham said. "You have to figure out their strengths and weaknesses, as well as working on making each scene as authentic as possible."

The show takes many of the character types that have been around for



centuries and exaggerates them. "The play is about the world of the heart meeting the mind," said Klinebriel. "The environment that Princess Leonide goes into is driven by reason and thinking and she comes into the world driven by love. She challenges the kingdom to feel with their hearts rather than safely protecting themselves in a world fortified with knowl-

edge and reason. She challenges them to embrace the risks that go along with what it means to love another person."

The content of the show has had an impact on the attitude of the performers. "There is a great exploration of the traditions of classic clowns in this production," said Klinebriel. "This is new for the actors. They're learning what it is to portray a classic character type in relationship to all of the various other 'colors' of characters within the world of this musical."

The sole purpose of many of the characters is to make the audience laugh. "There are the henchmen who are the typical comedic relief," said Graham. "They always have the random one-liners."

This cartoony production is guaranteed to make the audience chuckle. "There's a lot of fun and laughs," said Klinebriel. "There's also beautiful music in it. Our take on this world is more two dimensional, and it doesn't take itself too seriously, so we think the audiences are going to have a lot of fun."

The opening night for "Triumph of Love" will be Thursday, November 15 at 7:30 p.m. and the play will be performed throughout the weekend on both Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday at 2 p.m.

Clarke's Playmakers

ethan abney
campus life editor

It has taken over a year for Clarke's new improv group to finally find its feet. Over the past year, club president Adam O'Dell and drama professor Joe Klinebriel have worked hard on getting this group up and running.

"I was involved with an improv troupe back at my high school, and I wanted to keep going with it," said sophomore music and drama major O'Dell.

"Adam brought with him a rich high school improv experience and was looking to jump start some campus enthusiasm for an improv effort at Clarke," said drama professor Joe Klinebriel.

O'Dell said "Ever since Tom Farley, Clarke executive director of Marketing and Communication, came in to promote us, we've received some good publicity."

The improve group had its first show October 18. "Our first show went very well," said O'Dell. "I was really happy with the turnout,



photo by tia grap
Improv group in action on Oct. 18 at the Student Activity Center

one of the largest crowds I've seen for an event in the SAC."

In its first show the group did what they call "short-form improv," which is where they create short scenes using improv "games." This style of improv was made famous by the TV show "Whose line is it Anyway?"

The group is looking to do

some "long-form improv" where they use one suggestion and build off of it, creating a full story from the idea.

The improv group's next show is on December 7 in the SAC the final day of classes for the semester. This will give students something fun to look forward to just before finals week.

Mindframe Movie Showing

This Friday Hall Council has a showing of "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part II" at Mindframe Theaters.

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Women's volleyball: Best season in school history

daniel valencia
editor

Clarke's women's volleyball team once again had a winning season under Coach Chris Miron. The team ended up with an overall record 27-8 .771 and finished fourth in the Midwest Collegiate Conference. The team broke the previously 26-9 .759 record set back in 2008 under Coach Miron as well.

"Coach is a person that pushes us to the max and makes us go even farther," said Corrin Larkin, sophomore psychology and Spanish major and captain of the team. His hard work and constantly pushing the ladies to be better is paying off. Since 1980 the women's team has had only eight .500 or above winning-seasons and the last five have been under coach Miron. "He is always challenging us with things to improve and get better at," said Larkin. "He tells us he's proud of us, but he knows we can do even better things."

"I am so proud of my team for what we have accomplished this season," said Amanda Raschke, sophomore sports management mar-

keting and communication major. "We have beaten our team goals and some school records too."

The women are aware of this new record, and it's something they are really proud of. "It's a remarkable feeling knowing we hold the best winning record," said Allison Pasker, sophomore physical therapy/athletic training major. The team has put a lot of effort into becoming the team it is. "It is an honor to see how far it has gotten us and to be part of Clarke's women's volleyball history," said Pasker.

But all those team goals and new records that the team accomplished this season did not happen by accident. The ladies worked really hard on and off the court to be successful. "We practice every day we don't have a match, then lift two or three times per week, and we do conditioning drills after practice," said Elle Kosciuk, sophomore athletic training major.

Pasker added, "This team has worked so hard, we continuously push each other to get better and work hard each day in practice."



photo by taylor shively

The women's volleyball team gets pumped before a match.

Clarke's women's volleyball team is a relatively young one, with a starting lineup made up of mostly sophomores and a few juniors, though this team doesn't play like an inexperienced team.

"Each of us has that desire and determination to be the best we can no matter who we come up against," said Pasker.

She also added that seniors play a major role in helping the team become success-

ful. They may not start, but they keep positive attitudes on our team," she said. "We wouldn't be the team we are without their leadership."

Larkin also said that most of the women have had experiences being leaders on the court. "We all know what to do to be successful," she said. "We've adapted to playing together really well and it's showing in our successes."

Raschke said, "Everybody has confidence in themselves

and each other, and our attitude is always positive."

They are a young team on paper, but on and off the court they are everything but that. Raschke also said that one of the best things about this team is that they are there for each other. "We all get excited for each other when certain things are accomplished," she explained.

Kosciuk also said that even though the team's chemistry has its ups and downs they all love each other. "I would do just anything for any of the girls on the team, and I could expect the same," she said.

The women advanced to the MCC semi-final after hosting their first round of playoffs on Nov. 3 against MCC #5 seed William Penn University.

William Penn took the lead against Clarke on the first game 25-15, but the Crusaders came back and shut them down 3-1.

The women won the first few matches by scores of 15-25, 25-16, 25-15, and nail-biting ending game four, 30-28.

Men's soccer breaks all-time record

daniel valencia
editor

Clarke's men's soccer has broken Clarke's record for most wins in a single season. The past two years, the men battled to improve their record of 8-9-1 .472 and to have a chance at the Midwest Collegiate Conference (MCC) title, but both times they fell short.

This year's coaching changes seem to have worked out. Not only did the team end up with the most wins in a single season, but it finished up with a double-digit win season: 10-7-1 .583.

"This was a good accomplishment for us, especially with the injuries we had to deal with," said Dino Ramic, senior sports management major. "We did something nobody thought we would be able to do and that in itself was special."

Senior finance major and captain of the team Jared Hill said it was a great season to finish up his collegiate soccer career. He also added that the 10 wins were good for



photo contributed

The men's soccer team huddles to consult on strategy.

the program. "I think it sets a new standard for the soccer program as an attainable goal every season," he said.

Next season it's going to be a do-over for the men's team. The team is graduating 11 seniors, and eight of them are in the starting line-up. Though the team has a bright future with players like sophomore Jared Perez, who has been a starting center-mid for the Crusaders since freshman year, and freshman Aaron

Calkins, who started this year as a forward and achieved great stats for the program. Calkins set the record for most goals in one game when scoring all four goals in the win against Purdue University during a non-conference match.

The team's season came to an end a few weeks ago during the first round of playoffs, on a tough battle against MCC number-5 seed AIB College of Business.

Clarke bowling makes a mark

matt lozano
sports editor

As one of Clarke's newest sports, bowling is certainly making its mark. The bowling program is in its third year at Clarke and has been headed by Coach Chris Uffman since its start. "Building a program from the ground up is an interesting challenge, with there being no precedent from before," Uffman said.

With consistent, considerable increases year by year, the men's and women's teams look to become dominant figures in collegiate bowling. With this year's season already underway, both the men's and women's teams look to finish at the top of upcoming tournaments.

"As for the season right now, what best describes it for the women's team is a work in progress," said Erin Anthenat, junior English/secondary education major. "We have had a rough start, but I think as time is going on we are finally starting to get back to



photo by andie bruce

where we left off last season."

"Our season is going good. We only have had three tournaments so far so it's hard to really say how the rest of the year is going to be like, but we have high expectations for the spring semester tournaments," said Zach Althaus, senior accounting and finance major. If you want to catch the Clarke Crusaders bowling in action this season, just check their schedule online for complete list of upcoming tournaments.

Sports Update

tia grap
editor

Men's Basketball

The team began the season with a slow start, but there is still plenty of time to turn it around. Next home game is Monday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. against Ashford University.

Women's Basketball

The season hasn't started off on the right foot, but this is only the beginning. Next home game is Thursday, Nov. 29 at 6 p.m.

Bowling

Coach Uffman's men's and women's teams are working hard and are steadily improving.

Cross Country

Both the men's and women's teams finished in sixth place at the MCC Championships.

Men's Volleyball

The team is looking forward to its upcoming season in January.

"Apparitions" exhibit captivates Quigley Gallery visitors

erin daly
copy editor

Visitors to Clarke's Quigley Gallery were likely perplexed, amazed, and perhaps a bit frightened by the gallery's recent sculpture display, which featured big, ghostly white cats with glassy eyes in assorted poses.

Assistant Professor of art Jessica Teckemeyer designed the exhibition, titled "Apparitions," as an extension of her previous show titled "We Are Animals."

Inspired by North and South American mythology involving big cats, each sculpture captures a different part of the human experience.

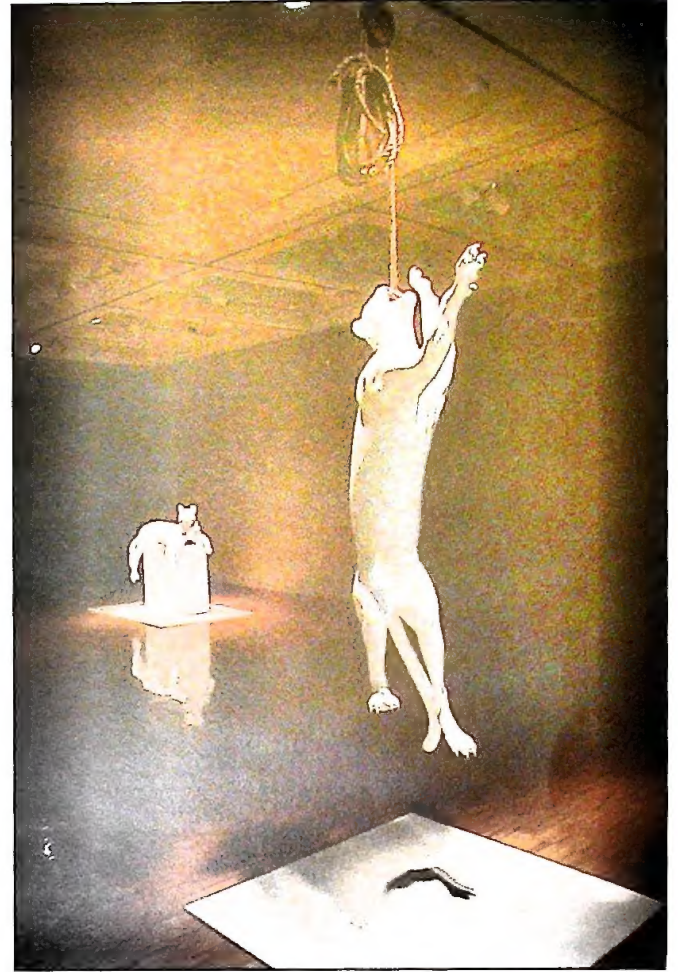
"Derailed," featuring a cat suspended from the ceiling

on a rope and pulley, represents struggle and fighting for one's life.

"Fawn or Foe" represents the relationship between vulnerability and strength.

The three large sculptures, made of taxidermy forms, took about four to six months to create, while the four porcelain wall sconces took several days. Teckemeyer hopes that viewers related to the experiences that each sculpture communicates.

"If the viewer can walk away with some kind of relationship to the work through their own experience, I think that's success," Teckemeyer said of the exhibit.



On the Street

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sports editor

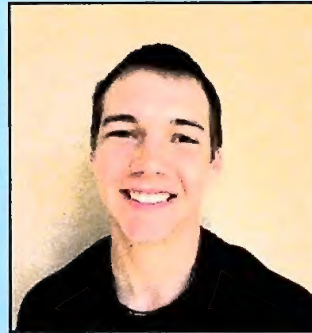
What's one of your family's Thanksgiving traditions?



Senior communication major Rolando Sanchez: "My cousins and I play a Madden tournament all day before we eat."



Sophomore nursing major Allyson Bergthold: "We have a competition to see who can get the canned cranberries out of the can the fastest."



Freshman business major Tyler Hedtke: "My family from Chicago comes to Dubuque to visit."



Sophomore business major Dave Meyers: "We go to my grandma's house and before dinner, my 10 cousins and I play a game of football."

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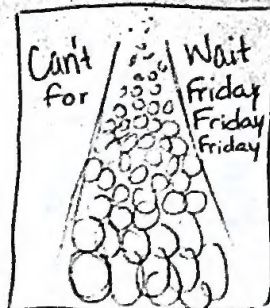
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